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1 March 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 1 March 1966

Lundahl of NPIC gave a background briefing [redacted]

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[redacted] At
DDCI's suggestion it was agreed that this presentation should be included among those to be given at the next meeting of the PFIAB.

DD/I noted late press ticker concerning Sihanouk's warning to Cambodian communists. He also noted that several senior DD/I and ONE officers are touring U. S. space facilities with Webb of NASA this week.

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[redacted] briefed on the several recent reports dealing with the question of Soviet overflights of China with aid to NVN. The ChiComs may have restricted such transport, but the situation is not entirely clear.

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[redacted] noted that the African conference in Ethiopia has agreed to seat the Accra rather than the Nkrumah Ghanaian delegation. This is likely to pave the way for a spate of diplomatic recognitions of the new Ghanaian government.

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[redacted] noted that the Filipinos are not likely to recognize Malaysia; there are press reports to the contrary.

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[redacted] said that the paper requested by the DDCI yesterday concerning yesterday's article by Joe Alsop has been completed and will be forwarded this morning.

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[redacted] reported that Air Force operations officers have briefed ONE officers on 25 February on current operational planning for attacks on NVN SAM sites. (See Action 1)

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Warfield reported surging U. S. Navy interest in procurement of Swift small boats. The Navy has ordered 104. This has put a crimp in production of those we have ordered, and this will be worked out with the JCS.

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[REDACTED] It was agreed that this would be the subject of a briefing to be given at a future morning meeting.

deSilva said that his trip report will be forwarded to the DCI today. deSilva will discuss with DCI his findings on the status of defenses at the training center at Vung Tau.

deSilva reported that he had met with Representative Ogden Reid of New York yesterday and then had met with HEW Secretary Gardner and other HEW officials to discuss Vietnam prior to the upcoming HEW mission to Vietnam.

Houston reported on an inquiry by Jay Sourwine of the staff of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee asking for an updating of the DDCI's past testimony on Soviet forgeries and disinformation.

DD/S&T reported on the Soviet claim of the landing on Venus today of a probe launched in mid-November 1965. The claim cannot be proved or disproved.

DD/S&T said that a Soviet lunar shot took place early this morning and is probably intended to be another soft landing.

DD/S&T noted the current meetings of the DCI nuclear panel. The panel will meet with DCI and other Agency officers this afternoon.

DD/S&T noted that one of the wings of the U-2 lost last week over the Sierras has been located. Crash efforts are being made to determine the cause of the loss. Pending the findings SAC U-2's in Vietnam are grounded.

DD/S&T noted that he would be traveling to the West Coast on business tonight and will return at the end of this week.

DD/P noted the press coverage of a speech by Senator Muskie in which he attributes to the Agency certain conclusions concerning

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Communist attitudes toward the course of the war in Vietnam. It was agreed that DDCI would undertake to check with Moyers at the White House to determine if possible how and why the attribution occurred.

DD/P noted that he would be traveling abroad beginning this evening and will be gone about two weeks.

DD/P briefed on his concern over the situation in the Plateau de Bolovens area of southern Laos, which is strategically important and which appears to be an area in which Communist forces are consolidating. The presence of sizable friendly forces may be required to keep this out of enemy hands. It was agreed that DD/P would meet with Chief, SAVA today to consider drafting a paper for policy consideration.

DDCI reported that he had been informed by McGeorge Bundy last night that Robert Komer will assume some of the Bundy functions including chairmanship of the 303 Committee. It is not certain that this will be announced.

DCI reported briefly on the meeting of the Principals yesterday in which there seems to be some sentiment for moving ahead with Plow-share experiments.

DCI noted that he had received but had not yet read [redacted] preliminary report on bomb damage. DDCI and DD/I commended the report as incisive and well done.

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ACTIONS:

1. DCI requests that DD/S&T survey possibilities for using U. S. missiles such as SHRIKE to home in on and attack Communist radars associated with SAM's. (DD/S&T by 15 March)

Done

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